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## EYER AND CUMMINGS.

THE NOMINATION of two candidates for the board of education from the First precinct is little less than a public calamity. It would be regrettable under any circumstances, but it is peculiarly unfortunate, because it has resulted from conditions which raise a question of religious influence in school affairs.

Professor Cummings is the nominee of the convention, which is recognized as due, in part at least, to the influence of Mormon ecclesiastics, who used their church positions to further the candidacy of their choice. The convention which named Mr. Eyer as a distinctly non-Mormon, and the campaign is almost certain to take on the aspect of the old days when the lines were drawn between the members of the dominant church on one side and all other citizens on the other.

None but those who profit by strife between neighbors and everyday associates will welcome the struggle.

It happens in this case that the University of Utah has become identified with the candidacy of Professor Cummings because he is one of the university faculty. We believe his candidacy is ill-advised, and that he would do the university, the public and himself a great service by withdrawing from the race. There is a very strong feeling among citizens generally that a university professor is amply occupied in attending to his duties with that institution. The public schools and the university should work in harmony, because the success of the higher institution depends in a great measure on the success of the public schools. But with a jealousy, natural under the circumstances, the taxpayers of the city resent the assumption that they must call in a university man to take part in the administration of a purely local branch of their government.

That a university man should precipitate a harmful sectarian issue upon the people by his candidacy for the place makes it not only undesirable, but necessary, that he should be defeated. Professor Cummings is, no doubt, an able educator; he is not a Mormon, and he disclaims any thought of profiting by the aid of ecclesiastical influence. But the fact remains that he has profited by such influence, and he has signified his willingness to go on with a campaign which he knows must be won, if won at all, by the very influence which he professes to deplore.

For this, if for no other, reason he should be left free to go on with his university duties without the embarrassment of work on the school board under circumstances which would make his presence there objectionable to a very large proportion of Salt Lake's taxpayers and citizens.

Professor Cummings' opponent is a man of wide experience in school affairs and with a practical knowledge of teaching; he has ample time to devote to the work of the board, and he is open to no objection on any grounds. As between Professor Cummings and Mr. Eyer personally, there could be little choice, but considering their merits for this place, there can be no question. Mr. Eyer is much the more desirable candidate, and The Herald hopes he will be elected.

In the Fifth precinct the nomination of Judge H. P. Henderson is an ideal choice. He is known and known favorably by everybody; he is a faithful worker, a man of the broadest views, a man of affairs, and he will make an invaluable addition to the board.

## T. KEARNS, HUMORIST.

APOSTLE SMOOT will be pained and surprised to read the authoritative announcement from Senator Kearns in Washington that he (Kearns) is not supporting any man for the senatorship from Utah. And if that is not enough to make Smoot sit up and take notice, he can cogitate on the further declaration from Washington that the apostle has rivals in the race.

List to the words the senator spoke to a guileless newspaper man who met him guileless newspaper man who met him upon his arrival in Washington and wanted to know a few things about the Utah senatorial situation. Is everybody listening? Then here goes:

"I am unable to tell you," said the senator, in response to an inquiry as to the identity of Utah's next senator. "There are several candidates, but I have no idea as to the outcome, and it is a contest in which I am only a spectator, for I have no intention of taking sides with any of the aspirants."

If that brief speech isn't calculated to add to the gawky of those familiar with the Utah situation then The Herald believes nothing can add to their gawky. "There are several candidates," says the senator. There is a dark secret he has carefully concealed within his own broad bosom. It wasn't fair for Senator Kearns to go back to Washington without telling us who those other candidates are.

Here we have been laboring under the impression that the Apostle Reed Smoot of Provo was the only candidate in the race; we have been led to believe that a large majority of the Republican members-elect for the legislature would vote for him in caucus

and that all of them will support the apostle in the first joint session. Where are Senator Kearns' other candidates? Is Senator Hanna of Ohio one of them? Is Senator Clark of Wyoming, the other deputy senator of Utah, another? The Herald has heard no announcement from any Utah man except Apostle Smoot, so the candidates to whom Senator Kearns refers must be citizens he has met since he went to Washington.

There is humor, too, in the senator's statement that he has no intention of taking sides with any of the aspirants. There is no necessity for Senator Kearns to take sides. The race is all over but the shouting.

## NEGROES IN OFFICE.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT evidently has no hope of breaking the political formation of the solid south. He is about to appoint a negro to the position of collector of the port of Charleston, and he isn't a bit backward about informing the indignant southerners that he's going to appoint negroes to office just as often as he finds they are capable of filling them. This isn't calculated to cheer the southern Republicans, who have been trying to eliminate the negro from politics.

There is some justice, too, in what the president has to say on the subject. "I cannot consent to take the position," he wrote to one of the men who protested, "that the door of hope, the door of opportunity is to be shut upon any good man, no matter how worthy, purely upon the grounds of race or color. Such an attempt would, according to my convictions, be fundamentally wrong. If, as you hold, the great bulk of the colored people are not yet fit in point of character and influence to hold such positions, it seems to me that it is worth while putting premium upon the effort among them to achieve the character and standing which will fit them."

The unbiased observer must concede the correctness of the president's attitude on this matter. It may seem not exactly the proper thing to hold out to the negro the hope that some day he may occupy a public office, and, indeed, the president does not hold out to the mass of the negroes any such hope. He says simply that when they prove themselves fit to fill honorable and lucrative positions he will give them the positions.

And in fitting themselves to hold public office the negroes must necessarily fit themselves to hold places in private life far higher than those they now occupy. After all, too, the south grows who protest so strenuously against what they call negro domination, need have no fear that their rights as citizens will be jeopardized.

The appointment of a negro to office does not involve social recognition. It is possible to do business with a man without making a social equal of him. That is done every day everywhere in the United States. The Herald does not pretend to believe in negro equality, but it does believe the race should be encouraged to better itself in all legitimate directions.

## THE DOMESTIC PROBLEM.

THE LONG LIST of advertisements in the daily papers for girls to cook and do general housework, and the scarcity of such help in Salt Lake just now, gives added interest to a paper on this subject by Mary E. Trueblood in the New York Independent. Miss Trueblood has just completed an investigation into the employments of women for the Massachusetts state bureau of labor. Conditions there seem much the same as in Utah.

It is hard to attract intelligent young women into housework in spite of the many confessed advantages of that character of employment. Girls go into department stores, restaurants, shops, factories and mills, where they earn barely enough to enable them to live decently, in preference to working in homes, where it would be possible to save some money every week. Miss Trueblood discussed the question with many young women, and their objections to housework are summarized as follows:

"The hours are long and indefinite. There is invariably Sunday work. Work is not often regulated. Each household has its own method of doing things. There is no chance to rise to a better place. There is little opportunity to visit friends and small satisfaction in receiving them. The relations with employers seem more irritating than in other occupations. There is a solitude which is a result of continual contact with people with whom they have nothing in common. In the opinion of working girls, the advantages do not weigh against the disadvantages, so that under existing circumstances any attempt to attract intelligent girls to housework must be futile."

That surely is a formidable array of objections. The lot of the average hired girl is not pleasant. She is compelled to do all sorts of household drudgery at all hours of the day, and has little time that she can honestly call her own. Still, that is all, not so much the fault of the system as of the workers themselves. If they could be persuaded to put into their work a little more of the desirable quality known as "ginger," they would be better off and their households would be happier.

Plenty of women in Utah raise large families of children and do all of their own work at the same time. The hired girl is not often encumbered with the care of the children of the family and she runs out of ten she could do her work in half the time if she brought sufficient energy into play. The girl who is intelligent and competent doesn't have such a hard time as the incompetent sisters would have us believe.

Up to date, Apostle Smoot has not withdrawn from the senatorial race because of the Ministerial alliance fight on him. Doubtless some of the ministers regard this as somewhat remarkable.

Maybe the rabbits killed by the Wash Young hunting party concluded they weren't dead enough, and so went back to their haunts to give some other gunners a chance.

Those California boys do know something about football, after all.

## Society

The large event of the week in society circles was the ball given by the University of Utah last evening in honor of the visiting men from Stanford. The music and all appointments were of the best, and a delicious supper was served in the physical culture room, in the same hall. Many of the young society people of the city were present, especially those connected with the university. The list of patronesses included Mrs. H. M. Wells, Mrs. Thomas Kearns, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. J. T. Kingsbury, Mrs. Harkness, Mrs. W. W. Riter, Mrs. David Keith, Mrs. Simon Bamberger and Mrs. James X. Ferguson.

The hop at the post last evening was one of the most successful of the autumn season. All the post people lent their aid toward making it a conspicuous success, and a number of the younger set from the city went up.

Mr. Junius Wells entertained at a pleasant party at the home of Miss Lyde Wells last evening in honor of Messrs. Snyder and Stafford of Cleveland.

The Utah Woman's Press club will hold their first meeting of the new club year this evening at the office of the Woman's Exponent.

The green room of the Tavern was nicely arranged for the banquet given last evening by the James A. Garfield lyceum in honor of Walter C. Hurd, private secretary to Senator Rawlins, who leaves for Washington today to be gone for three years. William McCrea, acted as toastmaster. Rollin W. Dole gave a toast to "The Boys," Rev. C. T. Brown then gave an interesting talk, which was followed by a recitation by Sidney Reeves. John V. Buckle told a unique story of Irish peasantry. Horace H. Smith responded to a toast to "The Ladies." After a few feeling remarks by Toastmaster McCrea about the old members of the lyceum, with a fitting reference to Brown for his interest in it, the guest of honor entertained those present with reminiscences, both humorous and serious, of his association with the members. Those present were Rev. C. T. Brown, William M. McCrea, H. H. Smith, Sidney Reeves, J. V. Buckle, A. E. Young, J. H. Haas, Walter C. Hurd, Rollin W. Dole and G. H. Hoffman.

**Amusements.**

The favorite old actor, Stuart Robson, visits Salt Lake today after a long absence. He will present his spectacular revival of "Comedy of Errors" at the Theatre this afternoon and evening.

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